GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4396
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Punctuality of Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that punctuality of trains has deteriorated and has come down to a great extent during the last three years;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to improve the deteriorating punctuality of trains; and

(c) whether any monitoring system is presently being used to monitor train movement to track and prevent delays and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4396 BY SHRI B.V. NAIK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2017 REGARDING PUNCTUALITY OF TRAINS.
(a) & (b) No, Madam. The Punctuality performance of Mail/Express trains over Indian Railways on Right Time Terminating basis during the last 3 years has not deteriorated to a great extent but has marginally come down due to the factors related to its internal working as well as external factors of which Railways are not in control. Other than asset failures, various constraints/difficulties which adversely affect punctuality are numerous such as − line capacity constraints on account of increasing passenger and freight traffic, adverse weather conditions (fog, rains, breaches), intermittent natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, heavy rains, multi faceted Law & order problems, miscreant activities such as theft of Railway assets, mid-section run over cases involving cattle and humans etc. A s mentioned below the average number of trains being run per day has been increasing regularly taking into account the passenger requirements with the same infrastructure being available thus leading to congestion.
However, the punctuality performance of Mail/Express trains over Indian Railways during the current financial year (Up to February) has remained at par with the corresponding period of the previous year:

Financial Year Trains run (Avg.) per day Punctuality Performance
2014-15 1571 79 %
2015-16(April-Feb) 1605 77 %
2016-17 (April-Feb) 1629 77 %

Indian Railways has initiated various measures to improve punctuality such as prioritization of preventive maintenance of assets to minimize asset failures, capacity enhancement projects by construction of additional loop lines at stations, doubling, construction of third line corridors, automatic signaling, construction of low height subway to replace level crossings, Rail under Bridges and Rail Over Bridges, etc. In addition, zonal Railways have also been advised to have better co-ordination with Civil and Police authorities of States to deal with situations arising out of law and order problems.

(c) Presently, movement of both mail/express and passenger trains is being monitored online at divisional level, zonal level and Railway Board level through Punctuality Analysis and Monitoring Module (PAM) which is a part of ICMS (Integrated Coaching Management System).

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